CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS TAX (CAT) HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS

The Group A threshold (where the person receiving the inheritance is the child of the person providing it) was at its highest in 2008 in the amount of €521,208 with the lowest tax rate of 20%. In 2012 the Group A threshold was €250,000 and the tax rate was 30%. In 2018 the Group thresholds have continued to increase and are currently Group A threshold - €320,000, Group B threshold - €32,500 and Group C threshold - €16,250 with the tax rate at 33%.

Group A (assets to children) Threshold
2008

2018

€521,208

€320,000

REMEMBER

Your clients may be eligible to fund for the payment of this tax through a Section 72 life assurance protection plan.



The Group A threshold has **decreased by nearly 40%** and the tax rate has **increased by more than 50%!**

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HOW DOES THIS TRANSLATE TO INHERITANCE TAX LIABILITY? FOR A PERSON IN GROUP A

Inheritance	2008	2012	2018
€500,000 →	Nil	€75,000	€59,400
€750,000 →	€45,758	€150,000	€141,900
€1,000,000>	€95,758	€225,000	€224,400

REFLECTED
IN AN
INCREASE
IN THE TAX
TAKE

€192m 1999

C460m

2017

Source: Revenue Press Office 2000 and April 2018.

- If you leave cash in a bank account to pay your beneficiaries' tax bill, it will be an additional inheritance for them and subject to tax at 33%.
- But if you take out a special life assurance plan with a sum assured equal to the amount of your beneficiaries' potential Inheritance Tax liability, then the sum assured, when used to pay Inheritance Tax, will not increase the beneficiaries' Inheritance Tax bill. This assumes that you are accepted, keep up payments, and that certain qualifying conditions are met throughout the term of the plan.

EXAMPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Smith leave an estate of €3 million to three children with an Inheritance Tax bill

€673,200 or almost 23% of estate taken in tax

Their Options

OPTION 1
Inheritance Tax bill of
€673,200

OR

OPTION 2
SPECIAL LIFE ASSURANCE PLAN
with sum assured of
F673 200

or a premium of €10,381.69

They would have had to save £10,381.69 per annum for over 64 years to save £673,200 or they could protect the estate at a cost of less than 1.6% p.a. of the tax bill using Irish Life's Life Long Insurance Plan! This premium is based on a married couple, both in good health and aged 55 next birthday, non-smokers and is exclusive of the 1% government levy.

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Inheritance Tax Planning – make sure your numbers add up!

